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**RECEIVED \$92,733.95**  
**FOR BACKLOG**

**Bill Filed by O. L. Jewell in New York Asks Recovery of This Amount—Trust Company and Brokers Named.**

Charles H. Bickart, president and general manager of National Fruit Products company, owes O. L. Jewell, a New York attorney, \$92,733.95 alleged to have been paid by National Fruit Products company to Jewell, as attorney, for recovery of this amount and to restrain the company from paying to Bickart money it is alleged he has on deposit with brokers. The cause will be heard in the New York court March 12.

Bickart is accused of being paid from assets of the company \$28,107.77 over and above his salary and other amounts for the years 1915, 1916, 1917 and to June 30, 1918. The bill of complaint also charges Bickart with the payment of \$15,000 during 1918. During the months of December, 1918, and January, 1919, Bickart is charged with having appropriated \$78,200.08 of the company's assets to his own use.

In addition to the foregoing the complaint charges Bickart with the payment of \$2,820 with the company's assets and later selling the car, and in the complaint seeks to recover this amount in addition to the cash. The National Fruit Products company was incorporated in 1915 with a capital of \$100,000, the bill sets out, and Bickart was owner of approximately 90 per cent of the stock. He is also charged with having \$2,000 of the company's stock for which he is alleged to have received nothing.

In addition to the foregoing the complaint charges Bickart with the payment of \$1,500, a suit which has been instituted in the New York court, which attachment of 1900, held in Guaranty Bank and Trust company, and a money judgment against Bickart for \$1,500, which is alleged to have been paid for a writ of attachment against the property held by the company in New York, and which is alleged to have been paid by the company to Bickart.

Bickart is indebted to others for "various amounts" and is alleged to have paid to the company \$1,500, which is alleged to have been paid by the company to Bickart. The bill says, as he has no other assets of consequence, all of which are not sufficient to pay his debts, he is a defunct.

**BLITHEVILLE, ARK., MARCH 11.**—Blitheville people awoke this morning to find a notice posted on the door of the bank of Blitheville saying the bank was closed and in the hands of the state bank examiner. The notice came as a surprise, as no intimation had been given out to the bank's customers.

No statement has been given out by the state bank examiner as to the reasons for the closure. It is said the institution had loaned heavily on cotton and when the cotton market collapsed yesterday did not have sufficient cash to secure deposits. It is not believed the depositors will lose their money. Other two banks and strong St. Louis banks will likely come to the aid of the bank in distress.

It is believed the bank will be able to open its doors this afternoon, or at least within the next week.

## Motorists Mourn 1,300 Gallons Of Gasoline Spilled

Motorists mourn! One thousand three hundred gallons of gasoline (at 25 cents a gallon) was spilled on the asphalt surface of Poplar avenue Wednesday at 5 o'clock, when a big gasoline tank truck owned by the Industrial Refining company, the tank of which was full, was overturned by the driver, S. Moore, who was killed, allowing the gasoline to pour into the street.

The truck was turning into a garage about 100 yards east of Dunlap street, and the driver was eastbound. As the truck swung across the car tracks, turning, the driver, S. Moore, claims that the motorist became confused, and put more current to the car, instead of applying the brakes. The tank of the truck was full of gasoline, and the driver was killed.

Moore was almost overcome by fumes, while trying to stop the flow of the fuel. The National Refining company, which is the owner of the truck, is now investigating the cause of the accident.

## LATIN AMERICANS WROKE MONROE DOCTRINE PACT

**Wilson's 1915 Stand Voicing Nonaggrandizement Cited by Countries Entering the League of Nations.**

**BY DAVID LAWRENCE.**  
(A Special Correspondent of The News-Semitar.)  
WASHINGTON, March 11.—While the senate of the United States has been debating "reservations" especially one which would restrict the Monroe doctrine, the governments of Central and South America have been quick to seize upon the interpretation of the doctrine which was given by President Wilson in 1915.

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## INQUIRY INTO GRAIN CORPORATION ORDERED

WASHINGTON, March 11.—An investigation of the United States Grain Corporation was ordered today by the senate.

## Portable Homes To Reduce Rent

CHICAGO, March 11.—Portable homes to be forced by the Chicago Real Estate board, Adolph E. Kramer, president of the board, announced today. He said the board and real estate firms, banks and business establishments would "put thousands of families into their own homes before May 1."

## FINE LIQUORS SEIZED IN PALM BEACH HOME

MIAMI, Fla., March 11.—Liquors valued at \$15,000 were seized in a residence at Palm Beach Monday night by Deputy United States Marshal Allen, who has returned to Miami with 500 cases of American, Scotch and Irish whiskeys and a large quantity of Cuban rum. The seizure was made at the home of a prominent resident of the city.

## GALE TO PREVENT SEATE STAMPED OUT GREAT DEBATE

**Reservation Republicans and Democrats Join Against Irreconcilable Foes, Shifting Ranks May Bring Coup.**

WASHINGTON, March 11.—Senate action on article 10 was deferred again today while the leaders sought to bring order out of the situation resulting from yesterday's break up in the compromise negotiations.

Republican leaders were understood to have indicated that they might accept with certain changes the substitute article 10 reservation urged by the mild reservationists. Among the Democrats the compromise advocates continued actively at work, some claiming they could muster 30 or more votes for the substitute.

The split in the Democratic ranks has widened as a result of determination expressed by some members of the minority to give active support toward acceptance of the best compromise possible. Republicans claim that 22 Democrats are ready to support the substitute reservation to article 10.

## Lines Are Shifting.

This determination sent some of the mild reservationists, Republicans on the whole, to the other side of the aisle. The lines are shifting. The mild reservationists are now on the Republican side, and the Republican reservationists are now on the Democratic side.

## Sherman Act Has Session Before Lumber Meeting

Provisions of the Sherman antitrust act, under which the "open competition" plan is being considered, were brought to the attention of lumbermen again Thursday during the morning session of the Sherman act at the Hotel Chicago. The question which brought forth the comment was whether or not the act applied to the lumber trade.

## CHAMBER AGREES TO EXTRA CHARGE

The Southern Traffic league has charged an extra assessment to all members of the organization for payment of expenses incurred by the league in its efforts to secure the passage of the Commerce commission, various other bodies vested with power to regulate freight rates and questions of interstate commerce. The protection league has been asked to pay the extra assessment.

## Mrs. Kennedy Not Expected To Live

The condition of Mrs. Sara Beaumont Kennedy, 11 at St. Joseph's hospital, is getting critical, according to reports from attending physicians Thursday. She was not expected to live through the night.

## Col. M. W. Connolly Steadily Improves

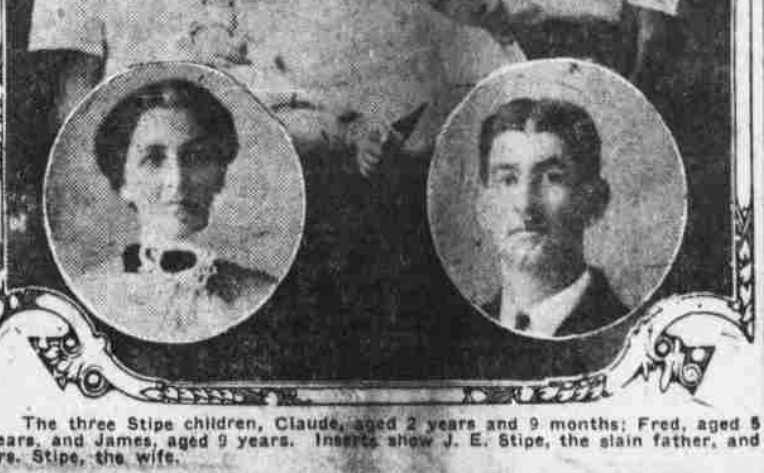
Friends of Col. M. W. Connolly welcomed the news Thursday that he was recovering steadily from the effects of a serious operation performed Monday at the Baptist Memorial hospital by Dr. Robert Mann. His condition is greatly improved, and it is expected that he will be able to leave the hospital soon.

## HUSBAND'S DEATH LEAVES WIFE DAZED

**Fatherless Tots Cling To Skirts**  
**"WHAT CAN I DO?" MRS. STIPE SOBS**

J. E. Stipe, aged 40, yard conductor for the Frisco railroad, was shot and almost instantly killed Thursday morning at 5:30 o'clock, by George L. Boyd, aged 21, special officer for the railroad. Boyd claims he was attempting to arrest Stipe for having shoes in his possession which were stolen from a Frisco box car. Stipe resisted arrest, and attempted to take his pistol. Boyd claims.

Boyd, arrested on a charge of murder, was released on his own recognizance at 8:30 Thursday morning by Police Chief Burney. He is to report in city court at 2 o'clock for preliminary hearing. He lives at 655 Lucy avenue.



The three Stipe children, Claude, aged 2 years and 9 months; Fred, aged 5 years and 9 months; and J. E. Stipe, the slain father, Mrs. Stipe, the wife.

Boyd declared he shot Stipe only after he had backed Stipe, at pistol point, for the distance of a block toward the corner of Third and Main streets, Kentucky street and Calhoun avenue. This took 30 minutes, Boyd claims, with Stipe arguing and protesting all the way.

## Shooting Occurs.

After having turned a block, Boyd declared Stipe struck him, in an effort to get away. Boyd then fired at Stipe with a .38 Smith & Wesson pistol. Stipe was hit in the chest and fell to the ground. Boyd then fled the scene.

## WASHINGTON ASKS ABOUT MAN'S BODY

Following Death of C. J. Merrimon.  
Asking what disposition had been made of the body and inquiring with whom to communicate about funeral arrangements, the bureau of war risk insurance Thursday wired Col. W. J. Baugh for information regarding the death of Charles J. Merrimon, found dead in his room at Hotel George Washington Tuesday night about 11 o'clock.

## English Unions Disfavor Strike

LONDON, March 11.—The special trade union congress, which has been voting overwhelmingly today against the strike policy and in favor of continued work, has decided to instruct its delegates to the general conference of the British Federation of Labor Unions to oppose a general strike.

## RID CHICAGO OF CRIME OR QUIT

CHICAGO, March 11.—Entire control of the police department today passed into the hands of John J. Garity, chief of police, and he announced he would "rid Chicago of crime in six months or he would resign." He said he would "clean up the city" and "make it a safe place to live."

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## FIRE ONE BULLET LEFT, SAVES LIFE

Planned beneath a lonely negro who was attempting to stab him with a knife, a patrolman W. H. Singleton used the one bullet left in his pistol Wednesday to save his own life. He shot the negro in the chest, and the negro died.

## CONTRACTORS WILL ATTEND MEETING

More than 30 road-building suppliers have informed Thomas B. King, chairman of the good roads committee of the chamber of commerce, that they will attend a meeting to be convened Saturday at the call of Mr. King. Mr. King sent out a letter to the suppliers, asking them to attend the meeting.

## USE WHITE TO PLANT TREES, USES ARM

While using dynamite to blow out holes in which to plant trees, a defective cap exploded prematurely and tore off the left hand of A. C. Miller, head of the Miller Construction company, Thursday. The accident happened at Mr. Miller's home in Bartlett, on Southern avenue near Graham. He was taken to the Baptist Memorial hospital in Hinton's ambulance, where his hand was amputated. He was badly powder burned about the chest, but it was thought that he would recover.

## MRS. MORROW COPS

TAMPA, Fla., March 11.—Mrs. G. K. Morrow, of the Engineers club, qualified for the women's championship final today by defeating Mrs. G. H. Stetson, of Philadelphia, 3 and 2. Mrs. Morrow won the championship at Belvoir in 1918.

## REALIZE \$1,000 AT SALE

The sale of the National Fruit Products company was sold at the bank, 227 South Fifth street, Thursday by an agent of the internal revenue department by direction of E. B. Craig, collector, and nearly \$1,000 realized. The sale was mostly of barrels, tins and other incidentals about the plant.

## STORM FORECAST

WASHINGTON, March 11.—Southern storm warnings were ordered by the weather bureau at 11 o'clock this morning for the Gulf coast, from Pensacola to Carrabelle, Fla. The disturbance was reported over Northwest Kansas, moving east. Fresh to strong southeast to south winds tonight and Friday were indicated for the coast.

Dr. William T. Black, who attended Mr. Miller at the Baptist hospital, said his condition was critical. The left hand and lower fore arm was blown off, as well as his left ear. He was badly injured and it was believed that one of his eyes was injured.

## EGGS FOR EBB BANK OF \$20,000; BURNING VAULT

Liberty Bonds, War Saving Stamps, Money and Jewelry Are Missing—Bloodhounds to Trail Thieves.

WEBER, Miss., March 11. (Sp.)—Liberty bonds and war savings stamps to the amount of \$20,000 were taken from the Federal Reserve bank of the city of Webber, Miss., last night by thieves and today bloodhounds are on the way to be used in tracking the robbers.

The robbery was discovered at 6 o'clock Thursday morning by S. C. Smith, a planter who lives near the bank. He noticed the night watchman, who had been on duty, had left the bank. He immediately made an investigation. Mr. Smith, cashier of the bank, says that \$20,000 in Liberty bonds, war savings stamps and money were missing. He also says that the robbers had taken a large amount of jewelry and other valuables.

The robbery happened some time between 10 and 11 o'clock last night. The robbers entered the bank through the back door and made their way to the vault. They then opened the vault and took the money and jewelry. They then fled the scene.

## SHRINE PLANS COUNTRY CLUB

Erection of a country club or an auditorium at the Tri-State fairgrounds will be decided on at a special meeting of the Shrine temple, which probably will be held before the first of the month. Special conference relative to the construction of the club and the erection of a large auditorium at the fairgrounds will be held at the temple.

Members Wednesday night held reports from the committee relative to the construction of the club and the erection of a large auditorium at the fairgrounds. The committee will report on the progress of the work and on the plans for the future.

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## PERSHING TO PANAMA

WASHINGTON, March 11.—Gen. Pershing will leave about March 25 for the Panama canal zone to inspect the military defenses there. This will constitute the last lap of his inspection tour of the nation's military posts. He will be away two or three weeks.

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